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9	Chm/NIC		X		
10	GC		X		
11	IG		X		
12	Compt		X		
13	D/OLL		X		
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Remarks

The attached was received from NSA at 1025 this morning.

Executive Secretary

28 MAY 1986

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FROM: General Counsel		

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